

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a wonderful reflection of our school values and community spirit. We've welcomed more families for tours as we prepare for applications for our new intake in 2026. It's been fantastic to hear such positive feedback about our school from the local community—thank you for sharing your kind words.

Our children have also been living out our values in so many ways. Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week reminded us to celebrate individuality and stand together against bullying. We also paused for Remembrance Day to honour those who served and sacrificed for our freedom. And as we look ahead to Friday, we're excited to support Children in Need, showing how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Thank you to all our pupils, staff, and families for making these moments so meaningful. Your enthusiasm and care bring our school values to life every day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 27th November-Thurlestone Hotel Christmas shopping even-Choir to sing Monday 1st December- Christmas Choir to sing Thurlestone Gold Club Wednesday 3rd December- Christmas lunch

Tuesday 9th Weds 10th Thursday 11th December – Lunch time Christmas shop Wednesday 10th December-KS1 Nativity

Friday 12th December- FTS Christmas event TBC

Friday 12th December- Carols on the Green @5:30pm -Choir to sing Friday 19th December – Last day of autumn term

Monday 22nd December- Friday 2nd December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

Steeple Cove Nursery



This week in Steeple Cove we have been learning about the changes between autumn and winter. Exploring how the leaves on the trees change colour and texture. Steeple Cove have discovered that the best leaves to make sticky picture with were the crunchy leaves- they make the best sounds. The children have been looking into Remembrance Day and odd sock day for anti-bullying.

Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

This week, Yarmer have been very busy with the first rehearsals for our nativity performance! We're off to a fantastic start, with lots of singing, dancing, and acting, and we can't wait to share it with you all soon. In History, we've loved exploring old and new toys, comparing their similarities and differences. In RHE, we've been learning about feelings—why we might experience certain emotions and what they look like. It's been a wonderful week of creativity and discovery!

Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)

This week in Leas Foot, we have started our Nativity rehearsals! We have been blown away with the children's attitude to their upcoming performances. There has been lots of singing our new songs and finding our own actions. We hope they have been sharing these with you at home. As mathematicians, we are coming to the end of our first addition and subtraction unit this year. We have been learning about subtraction, finding the difference and the 8 fact families. Thank you for your efforts, support and donations for Children in Need. It has been so fun seeing all the creative hair styles coming in! Have a fantastic weekend.

Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

Sedgewell have had a great week learning all about Skara Brae, the stone age remains in the Orkney Islands and this is forming the basis of our persuasive writing to invite people to visit there for their holidays. As mathematicians we have consolidated our addition skills and now moved on to subtraction. As global citizens we have also been exploring the Hindu belief in Brahman and have been learning how Hindus care deeply about animals and the wider planet.

Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

We have worked really hard this week with our persuasive pitch. Researching facts about plastic pollution in the UK and beyond. Next week we are going to the beach in Forest School to survey the plastics.

In maths, we are consolidating our times tables and division facts and learning about factors and prime numbers. The children have really enjoyed challenging themselves. I have been really impressed their Design and Technology learning where they have designed some detailed portable lamps.

Bantham (Year 6)

This week in Bantham, the children have blown me away with their incredible hard work and resilience whilst they completed another round of SATS papers. I have been so impressed with the progress I have seen especially in their maths! This week in DT we have also explored simple circuits and have started to design our own lamps. In French the children have been learning the months of the year.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. This week has seen our best attendance yet this term.

The attendance this week can be seen on the table below.

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	94.1%
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	97.6%
Leas Foot (Year 1/ Year 2)	90.6%
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	95%
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	95.4%
Bantham (Year 6)	92.1%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Poppy Lorrimer
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Esme Palmer
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Sol Everson
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Aiden Kovacic
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Matias Brownjohn
Bantham (Year 6)	Doug Parker

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	R – Maths activity sheet:8 + letter formation 'p'
	Y1 – Maths activity sheet:2+ spellings 'ai and 'oi'
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Year 1 – Spellings and Maths Activity Sheet
	Year 2 – Spellings and Maths Activity Sheet
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Spellings and a task based around Geography Awareness
	Week.
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	The class are aware of their home learning for this week.
Bantham (Year 6)	This week I would like you to complete pages 2-5 in the
	Key Stage Two Maths SATS question book. Please do not
	misplace this book as I don't have any spares!